

Fiscal TOPICS

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Purpose and History

The first transportation map authorized and printed by the State of Iowa was completed in 1919. The transportation map included the federal aid road system, the county road system, and the township road system. The maps were prepared by the Women's Drafting Department of the Transportation Commission using various government maps and detailed field information. Prior to the initial map publication, drivers depended on travel guides published by private organizations that used their own maps and numbering systems.

Since the first official publication, the State has been involved at various levels of preparing and printing Iowa transportation maps. The tourist-sized printed copies of the latest edition of the Iowa Transportation Map are available at the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT), driver's license stations, district offices, and rest stop areas. In addition, the DOT provides transportation maps to the Iowa Department of Economic Development for distribution to the State's 19 welcome centers, various tourist locations, and travel packets that are available on request. An [electronic version of the transportation map](#), accompanied by an assortment of city detail maps, is also available on the DOT website.

State Funding for Transportation Maps

The DOT uses the Primary Road Fund (PRF) appropriation to fund the cost of producing transportation maps. The number of transportation maps produced by the DOT has been incrementally reduced over the last six fiscal years. Prior to FY 2008, approximately 1.8 million transportation maps were produced by the DOT. In FY 2008 and FY 2009, 1.6 million transportation maps were produced. In FY 2011 and FY 2012, approximately 1.4 to 1.5 million transportation maps were produced by the DOT at a cost of approximately \$282,000 per year. In FY 2013, the appropriated level of funding for maps was reduced to \$90,000.

Related Statutes

[Iowa Code Chapter 307.14](#)

Iowa Administrative Code: Iowa Transportation Map – [Chapter 28](#)

More Information

Iowa DOT Transportation Map: <http://www.iowadot.gov/iowamap.htm>

Iowa General Assembly: <http://www.legis.iowa.gov/index.aspx>

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